

REMARKS

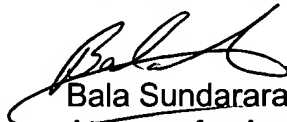
Claims 3, 9, and 11 are pending. By this Supplemental Amendment, claim 12 is added. No new matter is presented. Claim 12 is dependent upon independent claim 9. In view of the present Amendment and the Amendment filed on September 8, 2003, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of claims 3, 9, 11, and 12 and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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